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REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided that all Centrally sponsored schemes of Agriculture Ministry be reduced to half or in some cases completely weeded out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and

(d) its impact on the overall development of agriculture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): With a view to providing greater flexibility to States, a macro Management Scheme `Supplementation/Complementation of States Efforts through Work Plans` by integrating 27 on-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes was launched in October, 2000. A list of the 27 Centrally Sponsored Schemes subsumed under Macro Management Scheme is Annexed.

It is a major step towards achieving decentralization in pursuance of restoring primacy of States in agricultural development planning. Integration of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Macro Management mode will optimize the utlilisation of scarce financial resources and maximise the returns. The Central Government will supplement/complement the State Governments efforts through differentiated Work Plans comprising region/crop/area specific interventions for the development of agriculture. State Governments have welcomed this new Scheme.

Annexure

LIST OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

1. Assistance to Coop. Weaker Section.

2. Assistance to Women Cooperatives.

3. Non-overdue Cover Scheme.

4. Agri. Credit Stabilisation Fund

5. Special Scheme for SC/ST.
6. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice Based Cropping System Areas.

7 Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas.

8. Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas

9. Special Jute Development Programme
10. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas.
11. Balanced & Integrated Use of Fertilizer.
12. Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization among Small Farmers
13. Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid & Temperate Zone Fruits.
14. Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds.
15. Development of Commercial Floriculture.

16. Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
17. Development of Roots & Tuber Crops.
18. Development of Cocoa & Cashew
19. Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.
20. Development of Mushroom.
21. Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
22. Bee-Keeping.
23. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.
24. Scheme for Foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops.
25. Soil Conservation in Catchments of River Valley Projects & Flood Prone Rivers.
26. Reclamation & Development of Alkali Soils
27. State Land Use Boards.